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## **Sexual Assault Hotline Activated**

Heidelberg, Germany – The US Army Europe (USAREUR) Sexual Assault Hotline is activated and operational 24 hours, seven days a week, including holidays to respond to the needs of victims of sexual assault within USAREUR. It is available to all military and DoD personnel residing in Germany, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands and Kosovo.

To receive immediate medical or law enforcement assistance involving a sexual assault call:

DSN in Europe, 371-3550 or 3551 Commercial number in Germany, 06221 17 3550 or 3551 Toll Free in Germany, 00800-027-728-58 (00800-ASSAULT) Commercial number outside Germany, 00 49 6221 17 3550 or 3551

The purpose of the hotline is to provide immediate response to any USAREUR service member, their families and Department of Defense personnel who are victims of sexual assault. Callers will be connected to their local law enforcement agency or to their local emergency medical services if immediate medical attention is needed.

Callers can expect to receive telephonic assistance as soon as their call is transferred to the appropriate agency in their local area. The person responding to the hotline call will remain on the line until the call is transferred to ensure the transfer has been completed appropriately.

Calls will be recorded and callers will be asked to provide their name and location so that appropriate law enforcement and medical personnel may be contacted. However, callers are not required to provide their name to the hotline responder.